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Dear FCC,

After reading some issues, I'm for and against the issue. The government should not control what children watch. Although they have a large part in making sure children grow securely, they aren't the ones that are doing the raising of the child. Parents should be allowed to decide what their child can watch. Parents all have different opinions on what their child is allowed to watch and should be allowed to enforce them in their home. Like at my house, we have to ask permission and tell what we are going to watch before we can watch TV. For the special TV chips, parents should be allowed to program them. But for those parents who don't really care or have time to look at what their child watches, then the government should control the programs.

But the government should broadcast more quality and educational programming that have positive morals. Many of the shows that I've seen teach that violence is the best way to solve arguments, fights, etc. During a class discussion, one classmate said that two five-year old boys who had been watching the Power Rangers beat up a girl about their age. She was left in the snow badly injured and died. (This didn't happen in the U.S) Cartoons such as Batman, Spiderman, Conan, etc. also show that violence is really good. Even though cartoons is supposed to be entertaining and somewhat imaginative, is showing that fighting against bad guys is necessary? We're really influenced by what we watch. Also, it seems like a large portion of shows are directed towards younger kids. Barney, Sesame Street, Mister Roger's Neighborhood, Lamb Chop, etc. . What older kids watch them? Beakman's world, Reading Rainbow, etc. for me, seem too childish. There doesn't look like there are many shows for 11-13 year old children.

In your "Fact Sheet", you said that most kids watch about 3 hours a day. For me, that is not true. On average, I watch about 3 hours a week. On weekdays, TV is very rare for me because I am required to finish my homework and play one-and-a-half hours of violin. My mom also encourages me to do activities that require more brainwork, such as reading, helping with chores, and things like that. My three hours of TV come from when I have to baby-sit 2-5 year-olds. Like most babies, their attention span is not very long with a lot of listening activities. So, I let them watch some children movies. Like Sing-Alongs, Disney movies, and others. Although I don't always like them, I have to stay and watch or else the kids won't.

Your sheet also said that 82% of the children surveyed said that television should teach right from wrong. I agree. Some shows teach that disrespect of elders and doing wrong things at the wrong age are the right thing to do. For example, I was once channel surfing when I saw two young teenagers having sex. (I don't know which show it was.) Even though many shows try to show that drugs, drinking, killing, etc. are wrong, not all succeed.

I hope that my letter has given you some helpful opinion about how to change kid's television because I think that it needs a lot of change and help.

Sincerely,

Mirna Chen

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Dear FCC,

I agree with you. The law should take off Power Rangers and other violence shows so no one gets hurt.

Where in the World is Carmen San Diego is my favorite educational show, but now they don't put it anymore. My mom bought me a postcard to win a t-shirt from the show and when my mom bought it the show was gone.

I think the law should put all the cartoons on weekends so no

child can't miss their homework.

And the law should put all educational shows on anytime so kids can learn and get help with their homework.

Thank you
for the information,

Muhammad M.

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Dear FCC,

I think that the Federal Government should not have control over what kids watch and stop broadcasters from showing what they show on television. Not knowing much about TV beause I only have time to watch one show a week, I still think that some things on television are inappropriate for kids. For instance, from things like "Power Rangers" and "GI Joe" to sitcoms like "Friends" and "Married With Children".

Although, the parents should have control over watch, by exacing different channels and using the new chips in which you can take off programs that you don't want your kids to watch, instead of the Federal Government.

Sincerely,

Hart

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Dear Federal Communications
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I'd have to disagree with your
childrens television act because not many
kids want to watch Sesame Street, it's dull.
We need some excitement, no real blood and
gore, but some excitement. Although I'm only
ten I know that some shows can
not be your mind and those are the ones
I don't like. You should keep those
after nine o'clock.

But like I said if you keep
some action some kids might create
their own. I guess what I'm saying
is you don't more Mr. Rogers neighbor-
hood but less Married with Children.

Sincerely,
Matthew Barrs

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My Opinions About TV Program

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I think that we should get kids television programs during day and the violent TV programs for adults during the late evening after the kids go to sleep. If we keep showing violent programs during the day, a child might get affected and do crimes that was on the TV program, thinking that it is the right thing to do.

I don't watch TV often, but when I do I don't watch 4 hours a day, but about to 5 hours a week or less. I think the TV programs are too violent for some kids. We should stop that.

I hope to stop violent programs for kids and for other things. In the future, I hope we get no crimes or drugs by the television programs.

-- Yuka

Takada

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Dear FCC, _____ October 9, 1995

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I am on with the pros side on the letter because shows like Power Rangers and VR troopers traumatize kids and make them fight. Always ending in battle, not making peace or ending nicely. The tv Broadcasters should make shows like the Power Rangers and put Sesame Street on more often for little kids.

Sincerely,
Andrew Desiderio

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Dear FCC,

It was neat for you to ask for public opinion. In my house there are a lot of opinions.

My step father Kris said: "I think there are too many shows that are not appropriate for children. Our local news presents many more stories on the negative aspects of every day life than good positive stories. I do enjoy the arts and entertainment channel as well as the sports channel. I do believe that there should be more educational shows for children of all ages."

My mom said: "Every day TV does not represent the values of the average American family. We do not support the violence and sexual that are constantly displayed in advertising and TV programs. There are some excellent educational and entertainment programs, but not enough."

I agree with both of those answers. I think that some children watch a lot of TV, I only watch about 2 hours a day. I just don't see how my parents can sit through some shows, I mean they're sim-

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Dear FCC,

My family was so disgusted with the TV programs available that we cancelled our cable service. In the area we live in, you can't watch TV without cable, since if you don't watch TV for over a year, you will pay a month as if you might have otherwise been able to.

As I remember in 1974 the programs available to kids were not that great. Some for young kids were good, like "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood", but some shows like "Power Rangers" are bad. "Power Rangers" use violence to fix problems; they never use words. In that way "Power Rangers" teach young kids wrong. TV programs should teach right from wrong in order that the child does not do wrong when she/he is older.

Most shows for older kids had violence and introduced sex at too young an age.

TV shows for people of all ages should provide good examples for kids, not show people doing things which aren't right.

Sincerely,

Heather Rose

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Dear F.C.C.

I would like to strengthen kids television programming. My reason is because of all the violence or inappropriate programs that are not fit for younger siblings. One act of violence is the program Power Rangers. In my view they are bad. I think this because of violence for younger siblings, and they never solve problems in a appropriate way.

Since I am ten years old, I have noticed television has not made an educational program fit for kids of my age. I would like this program developed because I think I am a little old for programs like Sesame Street. In this program I think that we kids should learn more advanced yet fun school skills. I hope you will consider my ideas

Sincerely,
Cindy Chu

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September 22, 1995

Dear FCC,

I think that on some kids television shows have too much violence like Power Rangers which confronts the problem with fighting. At least they could talk for one or two minutes. That would give kids the idea that the famous character tries to talk about the problem first and then they could have the enemy disagree and continue with the fighting. I think that there are other ways of solving problems so the producer of these shows should consider showing us kids another way. Then kids will start fighting, thinking that they are a character in a show.

Children who watch these shows try to imitate the characters in the show. For instance they will start fighting, using improper language, and act impolite.

Beavis and Butthead is not a good show for kids to watch because they usually use the term "shut up". They also do not pay attention to school and kids like me will think that there is no need to go to school.

Sincerely,

Diane Lam

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FCC M/Dear FCC,

October 8, 1995

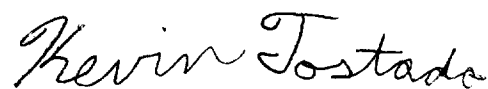
I think that the Children's Television Act should provide more shows for children. Also, I think that there should be a chip that the parents program. I will go into that later.

About the CTA (Children's Television Act), I think there should be less fighting shows like Power Rangers and VR Troopers and less boring science shows like Beakman's World because kids are turning to fighting and adult comedies instead. So I think that there should be more entertaining shows that the whole family would watch like America's Funniest Home Videos.

About the chip, I think it should be programmed by the parents. It should come with the TV set and the parents program whatever they want their kids to watch on to the chip. And the parents could put in a special code to prevent the chip from working while the parents watch TV.

That's what I think should happen. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,



Kevin Tostado

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October 10, 1995

Dear FCC,

You asked us to write to you about Children's Television Programming. Well I think that it needs to be strengthened tremendously.

When I come home I expect to be able to sit and watch a relaxing show, which to me would be funny, exciting, suspenseful, or weird. Some of my favorites shows are: I Dream of Jeannie, Clarissa Explains It All, The Simpsons, the occasional magic show, and other things can pop up while "channel surfing."

I only get to watch a maximum of, maybe two hours a day on weekdays (though that is only when I go to bed at nine O' clock). On the week ends I enjoy watching cartoons and informational shows such as Beakman's World, in the morning, and at night perhaps a movie.

I would like to see more informational shows for kids, and not younger children (3-5) watching Beavis and Butthead, made for teenagers. They should be watching educational shows such as Sesame Street (an excellent educational show for them). I've noticed that even "Barney" corrodes their minds. Example: I was baby sitting a two year old and he had been watching Barney and a character, Baby Bop, said "No my blankie." Immediately after the show it was his nap time and while trying to tuck him in he took the blanket and said the same thing. This not only goes for kids aged three-five but for kids five-to even nine. They watch shows like "Power Rangers" which overtakes them. They then want to be Tommy or Kimberly or another of the stars and they start kicking and fighting. We need shows that teach our kids' compassion and not violence either mentally or physically.

Children's programming must be tightened down so they're not watching "Brain Cell Buster" programs.

Another Issue is the Veep chip on which I had a question: I thought it would be good for parents to be able to control what channels and at what time kids can watch T.V., but what about the parents who don't care about their children? Would the Government have the chip already programmed for those kinds of people? If so would it be easy or hard, for those parents who do care and want their children to watch a certain program, to be able to reprogram the chip?

*Sincerely,
Jessica
Miller*